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Re: In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001

Gentleman:

I am the attorney for Ahmed Zaki Yamani. This letter is being written to you in your capacity as Liaison Counsel to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committees in the above-mentioned litigation.

Sheikh Yamani is a citizen of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and resides outside the United States. On January 10, 2005, the Legal Notice published that day in the International Herald Tribune was brought to his attention. As you know, that Legal Notice purports to list him as a defendant in this litigation. Sheikh Yamani has not been served personally with process in this litigation or served in any manner other than by publication as just stated. Sheikh Yamani will challenge the validity of such service by publication.

I have read the decision of Judge Casey dated January 18, 2005. Based upon the principles set out and applied to the moving defendants therein, I do not believe that plaintiffs can establish personal jurisdiction over Sheikh Yamani in New York or elsewhere in the United States. Plaintiffs also have not and cannot plead a viable cause of action against him. Sheikh Yamani has had no involvement with, nor has he made any contributions, charitable or otherwise, to any of the Muslim organizations and/or charities alleged to have been engaged in,

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or supporting, terrorist activities. For decades he has criticized, publicly and privately, the ideology of the Islamic fundamentalists, and has sought to counter the image of Islam portrayed by them. Accordingly, I request that plaintiffs immediately dismiss Sheikh Yamani as a defendant in all cases.

If plaintiffs are not prepared to dismiss Sheikh Yamani at this time, please consider this letter to be a request "by motion or otherwise" pursuant to Paragraph 12 of Case Management Order #2 for a more definite statement pursuant to F.R.C.P. 12(e), to be served within 30 days as provided in Case Management Order #2, in that no allegations have been asserted as to Sheikh Yamani. Please also particularize the alleged basis for personal jurisdiction of the United States District Court over Sheikh Yamani. Further, if any plaintiff intends to assert RICO claims against Sheikh Yamani, such plaintiffs are requested to file RICO statements as contemplated by paragraph 14 of Case Management Order #2 within the same 30 day period.

Please be advised that pursuant to Paragraph 12 of Case Management Order #2, it is my understanding that the time of Sheikh Yamani to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the complaints in any and all of the actions purporting to name him as a defendant shall run from service of the more definite statement just requested. Please advise if this is disputed in any respect.

A response to the above at your earliest convenience is requested, and in any event within 30 days of this letter.

Very truly yours,

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